IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1-3, and **ADD** claims 4-5, as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium permitting defect management of the recording medium when accessed by a recording and/or reproducing apparatus, comprising:

a data area having a plurality of zones;

a spare area to record replacement data for a defective area of the data area; and

an information area having start position information for each zone;

wherein the start position information for each zone includes a start logical sector number for controlling access to data recorded on the recording medium.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein the information area is a disc definition structure area of a defect management area of the recording medium in which ~~, where~~ the start position information for each zone is stored.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium permitting defect management of the recording medium when accessed by a recording and/or reproducing apparatus, comprising:

a data area having a plurality of zones;

a spare area to record replacement data for a defective area of the data area; and

an information area having start position information for each zone;

wherein the start position information for each zone includes a start logical sector number for controlling access to data recorded on the recording medium, where the start logical sector number is stored in a disc definition structure area of a defect management area of the recording medium.

4. (NEW) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein, for each of the plurality of zones, the start logical sector number recorded in the start position information is different.

5. (NEW) The recording medium of claim 3, wherein, for each of the plurality of zones, the start logical sector number recorded in the start position information is different.